

# **Atomic City Fire Department**

## **Profile of the Department:**

The Atomic City Fire Department is comprised of a municipal fire protection department. Atomic City is a very small city with little or no population growth. The City is located at the western most boundaries of Bingham County two miles south of Highway 26. The Department has just started to build a program from the ground up. The topography of the area is high mountain desert with agriculture, ranching and the INEEL being the primary industries.

## **Organizational Structure**

The Atomic City Fire Department reports to the City Mayor. The organizational structure consists of a chief, an assistant chief (who is also the Mayor) and three firefighters. All firefighters are volunteers.

## **Facilities:**

The District has no fire station or facilities. The existing Department's PPE, hose and apparatus are housed in the city's pump house.

## **Response Area:**

Fire protection is provided primarily for land and buildings within the city limits. The Department serves two square miles of city property. It also responds to fires outside the city limits by agreement with the BLM.

## **Budget and Funding:**

The Department does not receive any type of annual funding from any source. In the future the Department could receive a budget through City budgeting procedures should the City grow enough to generate a tax base to support the Fire Department.

## **Grants:**

Grant funds have been received from the BLM, INNEL and from FEMA for City emergencies. The District is not yet familiar with the National Fire Plan but intends to research the plan in the near future. The District hopes to seek more grant funding in the future.

## **Firefighting Program:**

The Department covers the Atomic City limits and some area outside the city limits when called upon by the District. There are five personnel within the firefighting program that are volunteer staff. Fire response includes protection for structural, wild land fire suppression, and terrorist threat because of the close proximity to the INEEL. It has the capability of a 10-minute response time. The Department is waiting for a pump/tank skid unit purchased from the BLM to arrive so they can begin construction of a brush truck. The only source of water the Department has is the city's pump system. There are no hydrants in the city.

### **Firefighting Program Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs**

<b>Existing Resources/Assets</b>	<b>Needs</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volunteer Personnel</li><li>• 750 Structural/0 Wild Lands GPM Pump Capacity</li><li>• Fire Response: Structural, Wild Lands, Rangeland, Residential &amp; Business</li><li>• 2 Structural Vehicles; 1 Wild Land Vehicle</li><li>• Grid Access Address System</li><li>• Waiting for Pump/Tank Skid Unit</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Building with Meeting and Training Space</li><li>• Looped Water System with Hydrants</li><li>• Local Courses on Grant Application Process</li><li>• Support for Locating Grants</li><li>• Grant Writing Cost Assistance</li><li>• Records Management System</li><li>• Manuals for Truck Inspection and Maintenance</li><li>• NFPA Manuals</li><li>• Courses on Testing, Maintenance &amp; Inspections</li><li>• Onsite Training for Wild Lands Capabilities</li></ul>

## **Training and Certification:**

The Department does not have any training in place so no minimums have been established. Training and Certification existing needs are: no cost or grants to cover basic training levels, no training materials, and no space for conducting training.

## **Communications:**

The existing radio communication systems are insufficient. Some vehicles are equipped with radios and the Department does have sufficient hand-held units. There are no records for response times and the Department has not responded to an incident since the present Chief was installed.

### Communication Summary of Existing Resources, Assets and Needs

Existing Resources/Assets	Needs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Portable Radios</li><li>• Some Vehicles Radio Equipped</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Map Reading Course</li><li>• Proper Radio Frequencies</li><li>• Mobile Radios Mounted in Engine and Brush Truck</li></ul>